

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed May 19, 2005. Claims 1 to 35 are pending in this application. Claims 1 to 10, 13, 15, 16, 20, 23, 24, 26 and 30 stand rejected. Claims 11, 12, 14, 17 to 19, 21, 22, 25, 27 to 29 and 31 to 35 are objected to. Claims 1, 13 and 30 have been amended herein to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 27, 31, 33 and 35 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more continuation application covering the subject matter of the amended or canceled claims in the time allowed for such filing. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this Amendment. However, please charge any additional fees associated with this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 and 13 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,178,080 to Wilken et al. (“*Wilken*”). Claims 1 to 10, 13, 15, 16, 20, 23, 24, 26 and 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,407,901 to Casey et al. (“*Casey*”). Claims 11, 12, 14, 17 to 19, 21, 22, 25, 27 to 29 and 31 to 35 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 13 was amended to include the limitations from objected to Claim 27, and Claim 27 was cancelled. Accordingly, Claim 13 and Claims 14 to 26 and 28 to 29 that depend therefrom should be allowable. Claim 30 was amended to incorporate the limitations from objected to Claim 31, and Claim 31 was cancelled. Accordingly, Claim 30 and Claims 32 and 34 that depend therefrom should be allowable.

Claim 1 was amended to essentially incorporate the limitations from objected to Claim 27. Applicant submits that Claim 1 and Claims 2 to 12 that depend therefrom should be allowable over the cited references. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Amendment, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the Applicant’s attorney designated below.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicits reconsideration of same.

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